

# Tula language

**Tula** (also *Kotule* or *Kitule*<sup>[3]</sup>) is one of the Savanna languages of Gombe State, northeastern Nigeria.

## Dialects

Kleinewillinghöfer (2014) lists 3 Tula dialects.<sup>[4]</sup>

- **Tula-Wange (Kutule)** is possibly the oldest group. There are several hamlets located on the Tula Plateau. The people refer to themselves as *Kitɔɛ*.<sup>[3]</sup>
- **Tula-Baule**, possibly former Chadic speakers who had shifted to Tula.
- **Tula-Yiri** or **Yili** is the smallest and most divergent group.

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Tula	
<b>Native to</b>	northeastern Nigeria
<b>Region</b>	Kaltungo LGA, Gombe State
<b>Native speakers</b>	30,000 (1998) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Waja–Kam<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Waja<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tula languages<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Tula</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	tul
<b>Glottolog</b>	tula1252 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/lan guoid/id/tula1252">http://glottolog.org/resource/lan guoid/id/tula1252</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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